

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

FUKUSHIMA, et al.

Application No.: 09/739,975

Filed: December 20, 2000

For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY
ELEMENT

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) Group Art Unit: Not Assigned
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) Examiner: Not Assigned
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 8-18 as follows:

- 8. A liquid crystal display element comprising:
- a first substrate;
 - a second substrate counter to said first substrate;
 - a switching element disposed on said first substrate;
 - a first alignment layer formed over said switching element;